IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

SHARRIF K. FLOYD,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No.: 2018-CA-012128-O

DR. JAMES ANDREWS, M.D.;
DR. GREGORY HICKMAN, M.D.;
DR. CHRISTOPHER WARRELL, M.D.;
DR. TARIQ HENDAWI, M.D.; THE
ANDREWS AMBULATORY SURGERY
CENTER, LLC; PARADIGM
ANESTHESIA, P.A.; BAPTIST
HOSPITAL, INC.; BAPTIST HEALTH
CARE CORPORATION; GULF BREEZE
HOSPITAL, INC.; BAPTIST HOSPITAL,
INC. d/b/a GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL
And BAPTIST PHYSICIAN GROUP, LLC,

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Defendants.

DEFENDANTS HICKMAN AND PARADIGM'S REPLY TO PLAINTIFF'S OMNIBUS MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION TO MOTIONS TO CHANGE AND/OR TRANSFER VENUE

Defendants, GREGORY HICKMAN, M.D. (Hickman) and PARADIGM ANESTHESIA, P.A., (Paradigm), by and through their undersigned trial counsel, hereby file their Reply in Support of the Defendants' Motion to Change and/or Transfer Venue and in opposition to Plaintiff's "Omnibus Memorandum in

Opposition to Defendants' Motions to Transfer Venue on *Forum Non-Conveniens* Grounds." In support of this Reply, Defendants Hickman and Paradigm adopt and incorporate by reference the Reply filed by Co-Defendants James Andrews, M.D.; Christopher Warrell, M.D.; Tariq Hendawi, M.D.; Baptist Hospital, Inc.; Baptist Physician Group, LLC; and Baptist Health Care Corporation.

As more fully explained in the Co-Defendant's Reply, as well as in the initial motions to transfer venue filed by the Defendants, the facts of this case and the law support changing venue to Santa Rosa County pursuant to Section 47.122, Florida Statutes. All of the Defendants have submitted evidence showing that the convenience of the parties, the convenience of the witnesses, and the interests of justice overwhelmingly favor Santa Rosa County over Orange County. The evidence submitted by the Defendants on this issue is the only evidence before this Court. The Plaintiff does not and cannot show that this case has any meaningful connection to Orange County.

Therefore, Defendants, GREGORY HICKMAN, M.D. and PARADIGM ANESTHESIA, P.A., respectfully request this Court to change or transfer venue from Orange County, Florida to Santa Rosa County, Florida.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of February, 2019.

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